The Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, California

In the matter of recognizing the Moraga Citizen's Network as the 2018 organization of the year.

Resolution No. 2019/42

WHEREAS, Moraga Citizen's Network was founded in January, 2005, with about 25 people with the intent to stimulate a greater flow of information from the Town Council and Town staff in order to encourage greater participation in Town matters. Though Moraga Citizen's Network is not a "business" in the usual sense of the word, they do have a business that focuses on communication to instill the desire in Moraga residents to participate in issues and events that are relevant to Moraga, believing it is essential in order to build an effective, positive community; and

WHEREAS, the creation of a twice-monthly e-news bulletin is one piece of MCN's strategy that reaches 1,781 inboxes, and named in 2008 the "MCN Link". Most recipients are Moraga residents, but a respectable number of Orinda and Lafayette residents who come to Moraga often are included in that data base. It is the largest database of Moraga residents that exists in Moraga; and

WHEREAS, since 2006, the MCN board has organized a Candidates Night forum to enable all Town Council candidates to meet the public and present their views on key town issues; the attendance at these informational forums, held 7 times in the past 13 years, has averaged 200 people, plus the countless others who viewed the night's video on the Lamorinda Weekly's website. Often candidates running for the Moraga School Board, the MOFD, and even for the County Board of Education, have asked to be introduced to the audience at these public forums; and

WHEREAS, the current board is composed of 9 members plus the Executive Director. There is a wide range of ages on the board as well as both men and women. Backgrounds include public school teachers, law professionals, parents, college professors, a marriage counselor, and real estate sales. All are committed to being publicly neutral on council candidates and town issues, and to providing factual information to Moraga residents, as free of bias as possible.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County does hereby honor the Moraga Citizen's Network for their dedication to encouraging participation in Moraga Town matters.

PASSED by a unanimous vote of the Board of Supervisors members present this 12th day of February, 2019.

JOHN GIOIA

Chair,

District I Supervisor

CANDACE ANDERSEN

District II Supervisor

KAREN MITCHOFF

District IV Supervisor

DIANE BURGIS

District III Supervisor

FEDERAL D. GLOVER

District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown:

ATTESTED: February 12, 2019

DAVID TWA, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator

By Stephanip Wello, Deputy